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AND ACTIVITY 02.01-2301, OIL DEMETALIZATION.

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER TO
BALASHOV WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV:

2. MAY 4, 1978 - 02.01-24; 02.01-2301

MR. YU. A. BALASHOV
CHIEF, MAIN ADMINISTRATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND
MANUFACTURE OF GAS CLEANING AND DUST ELIMINATING
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DEAR MR. BALASHOV,

ON HIS RETURN FROM THE SOVIET UNION, MR. PEKAR
INFORMED ME OF THE CORDIAL AND PRODUCTIVE VISIT WHICH

HE AND MR. PLAKS HAD WITH YOU, DR. RESHIDOV AND MRS. FILIPOVA. I REALIZE THAT SOME OF THE PROPOSALS MADE IN MY LETTER WILL REQUIRE TIME FOR CONSIDERATION AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AT THE WORKING GROUP MEETING HERE IN JULY.

I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR AN ACCIDENTAL IRREGULARITY WHICH OCCURRED DURING THE VISIT OF OUR OIL DEMETALIZATION SPECIALISTS TO THE USSR IN APRIL. AS YOU KNOW, THE DELEGATES COMPLETED THEIR WORK AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AND DEPARTED FOR THE US TWO DAYS EARLIER THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED. IN THEIR HASTE TO MAKE LAST-MINUTE FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS, MR. RHODES AND MR. MARUHNIC NEGLECTED TO RETURN TWO DAYS' PER DIEM (44 RUBLES) TO THE HOST SIDE.

THIS INCIDENT RAISES THE QUESTION OF CALCULATION OF PER DIEM PAYMENTS. ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT ON FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, THE DAYS BOTH OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE ARE INCLUDED IN COMPUTING THE AMOUNT OF PER DIEM TO BE PAID TO EXCHANGEES. DURING THE VISIT OF MR. PLAKS' DELEGATION TO THE USSR LAST MONTH, THE SOVIET SIDE APPARENTLY BASED PER DIEM PAYMENTS ON THE NUMBER OF NIGHTS SPENT INSTEAD OF ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS. WE THEREFORE CALCULATE THAT THE SIX DELEGATES MISSED ONE DAY'S PER DIEM TOTALLING UNCLASSIFIED

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66 RUBLES.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD LOOK INTO THIS MATTER IN ORDER THAT ANY MISUNDERSTANDING MIGHT BE CLEARED UP. IT IS IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS BE SIMILARLY INTERPRETED BY BOTH SIDES.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COOPERATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR FORTHCOMING VISIT AND TO SEEING DR. RESHIDOV IN MAY.

SINCERELY,

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